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SUBJECT: REMARKS MADE AT SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENTS, US-SAUDI ARABIAN
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, FEBRUARY 29.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS MADE BY SAUDI AND U.S. OFFICIALS
AT SIGNING OF ELECTRICAL POWER PLANNING AND SAUDI
ARABIAN NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENTS
RIYADH, FEBRUARY 29, AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER.

1. ELECTRICAL POWER PLANNING AGREEMENT

HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. GHAZI ABD AL-RAHMAN AL-QUSAIBI,
MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ELECTRICITY:

"WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS ASSISTANCE BY THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT IN HELPING US TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL
PLAN IN THE ELECTRICITY FIELD WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY ALLOW US
TO GET ELECTRICITY TO EVERY SINGLE HOUSE IN THE
KINGDOM. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE
IMPLEMENTED AS WE REQUIRE IT TO BE AND THAT THE RESULTS
WILL BE TO THE BENEFIT OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND TWO
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PEOPLES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

SECRETARY SIMON:

"THANK YOU, MR. MINISTER. AS I SAID AT OUR SESSION THIS MORNING, I CONSIDER THIS AGREEMENT TO BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AND FAR-REACHING THAT WE HAVE SIGNED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. OUR DESIRE IS TO PROVIDE THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA WITH ALL OF THE NECESSARY ELECTRICITY FOR ALL OF THEIR PEOPLE AND TO PROVIDE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT EXISTS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. WE ARE DELIGHTED WITH THIS. THANK YOU."

2. SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT.

HIS EXCELLENCY, SHEIKH MOHAMMED AL-ALI ABA KHAIL,
MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY:

"EXCELLENCY, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE INCREASE OF OUR CAPACITY TO ABSORB THE MODERN TECHNOLOGY IS ONE OF THE MAJOR GOALS TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY GIVES VERY HIGH PRIORITY. I AM SURE THAT THIS NEW FOUNDATION WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL HELP US TO START WILL BE A VERY IMPORTANT CHANNEL TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR ASSISTANCE TO START THIS CENTER AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO APPRECIATE THIS ASSISTANCE. THIS CENTER WILL PLAY A VERY ESSENTIAL ROLE IN STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

SECRETARY SIMON:

"THANK YOU, MR. MINISTER. I'M DELIGHTED WITH THE PROJECT AGREEMENT WE'VE JUST SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. THIS AGREEMENT WILL ENHANCE THE SAUDI ARABIAN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY NECESSARY FOR YOUR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. WE'RE EXTREMELY PLEASED TO ENTER INTO

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THIS AGREEMENT WITH YOU."
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